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SUBJECT: DEBT ARREARAGES FOREIGN MILITARY SALES

REFS: A) ASUNCION 1968 B) STATE 119305 C) A-974 OF 2/2/73

1. STATE AND TREASURY CONCUR, AND DOD HAS NO OBJECTION,
IN AUTHORIZING EMBASSY TO REQUEST 88,673.53 DOLS AS
TOTAL PAYMENT OF INTEREST DUE ON FMS ARREARAGE.

2. IN DISCUSSIONS WITH GOP, YOU SHOULD STRESS THAT
REDUCTION IN ACCRUED INTEREST OF 27,179.45 DOLS REPRESENTS

UNIQUE ACTION REFLECTING BOTH EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES
OF PROBLEM AND THE DESIRE OF THE USG TO CLEAR UP THIS
OLD DEBT ONCE AND FOR ALL. AS NOTED IN STATE A-974,
THE 27,179.45 DOLS REPRESENTS INTEREST ON 100,000 DOLS
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PRINCIPAL FOR THE 9 YEARS DURING WHICH APPROXIMATELY

100,000 DOLS IN GOODS REMAINED UNDETECTED IN THE
PARAGUAYAN FREEPORT IN BUENOS AIRES.

3. ALTHOUGH EMBASSY SHOULD TAKE NO INITIATIVE IN THE
MATTER, ANY GOP PROPOSAL FOR SCHEDULING PAYMENTS
SHOULD BE FORWARDED PROMPTLY. INGERSOLL

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